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XMAS AMONG THE CHURCHES

Many Little Hearts of the Children Made Glad.

Christmas was held in the Presbyterian, Methodist Episcopal and Good Shepherd—Interesting Services, Singing, Recitations and Addresses—A Joyous Happy Time.

The church of the Good Shepherd held its entertainment, for the Sunday school Christmas eve. The church was crowded with an interested audience, and every one seemed to be in the spirit of the holiday season.

First came the carol, "Ring Out the Bells for Christmas," and then all united kneeling in saying "Our Father," and there came another carol, after which all joined in saying the creed standing.

Next came the carol, "Breaks a glorious radiant morning." This was followed by a beautiful address by the Rector. The offertory for the Childrens Home at Jerusalem was then taken.

The last carol was a colloquy between the Shepherd Children and the Star, with choruses by the school. The sun which towered above the chancel arch now drew the full attention of all as the lights twinkled forth merrily upon it and old father Santa Claus in his usual glory stood beside it.

The tree was soon spoiled of its rich treasures, and many little hearts made to swell with joy and gladness, as the children bore away their gifts in triumph.

The services were closed with the Doxology "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," and the Benediction pronounced by the Rector. So closed an evening of happiness.

AT THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

The Christmas exercises of the Presbyterian Sunday school were held on Wednesday evening at the church, which had been handsomely decorated with evergreens for the services of the preceding Sabbath.

The programme was as follows, under the general title "The Story of Christ": Gloria Patri, School; Invocation, School; Carol—"Merrily Ring," School; Superintendent's Welcome, School; Carol—"How the Bells," School; Scripture Reading—Responsive, School; Recitation—"Calm and Clear," Miss Little; Hymn—"Joy to the World," School and Congregation; Recitation—"Lo! They Come," Cora Struble; Recitation—"Glory to God," Rita Decker; Carol—"Hail Blessed Tidings," School; Banner Exercise—"Titles of Christ," By Members of the Primary Class; Florence Van Campen, Helen Lamschan; Emma Van Campen, Bessie Armstrong, Alice Baker, George Heller, Harold Armstrong, Clara Van Campen; Carol—"Hark the Holy Angels," School; Scripture Reading—Responsive, Recitation—"Love the Mistletoe," Phoebe Davis; Recitation—"The Wonderful Christmas-tide," Myrtle Van Campen; Duets and Choruses—"Beautiful Star," Lizzie R. Bull and Miss Ann Baker; Recitation—"Whom Have You Made Happy," Dora Bochette; Carol—"Love the Mistletoe," Primary Class; Short Address, Pastor; Hymn—"Coronation," School and Congregation.

Scripture Reading—"God Be Praised, Carol—"Sing Ye Praises," School. The various carols and recitations were exceedingly well given, and the interest and attention of the congregation was marked throughout.

AT THE M. E. CHURCH.

On Christmas night this church was taxed to its utmost to accommodate the large audience which began to assemble, an hour before the appointed time for the exercises to begin. While waiting the guests had ample opportunity to study the decorations. On either side of the platform stood an immense Christmas tree just tall enough to touch the ceiling.

The main feature of interest however centered about the platform. Here an old fashioned fire-place had been constructed of brick, the chimney running aloft from the mantel in most realistic manner. The old brass fire-dogs wanted nothing but fire to make the whole affair real. Rugs, chairs, lamps and other decorations were arranged about the place, giving the whole so home like an appearance that the hearts of many a person must have wandered back to the old farm house, where grand mother used to live.

Promptly at the time Mrs. Neff took her place at the organ, and to the music of a march the school led by the pastor Rev. W. R. Neff, the superintendent Mr. Rusing DeWitt, Assistant Supt., Mr. Wm. Angle, and Mrs. Dunham Gregory, Supt. of the infant department, marched up the middle aisle of the church and took the places assigned them.

All were seated, and the whole assembly sang "Praise God from whom all blessing flow," then prayer was offered by the pastor and the school sang "The star that leads them all."

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian church will have a "Silver Soiree" at the house of Mrs. Heller on Monday evening, Dec. 30th. One of the features will be a spelling contest, conducted something after this manner. The person pronounces some letter the next one adds another and so on, until no more letters can be added to make a word.

A friend of ours was recently passing along an important railroad line. There sat behind him a gentleman who had once been a member of the Pennsylvania Legislature. "The river is low" remarked a third party. "Yes" said the law maker; "but it is not as low as it was in August." "You see when the air gets colder it gets lighter, and then the water comes up out of the ground." Now revise the text books on philosophy.

A Legend of the Mistletoe.

A myth of the middle ages says that before the crucifixion of Christ the mistletoe was a forest tree; but owing to its supplying the wood for the cross, it fell into disgrace and became a mere parasite as a lasting memorial of its ignominious use.

Many a good man and woman fall in life's purpose because they ignore the example of the postage stamp that sticks until it has performed its duty.

Little Misses each bearing in her arms a doll dressed in the costume of the nation represented, most conspicuous among them the doll of Miss Bessie Armstrong dressed in the colors of our flag. While the girls sang "Three cheers for the Red White and Blue" a company of boys marched around the platform waving the national flag.

At this point the pastor addressed the school by calling attention to the Christmas tree and urging the children to let every tendency of their lives be upward, like the branches of the tree, ever turning their faces heavenward.

Master Louis Gregory then invited the school to a visit to "Kandy." Here a real live Santa Claus came plunging out of the fire place, and the distribution of gifts began, when to the surprise of all old Santa began to tear down the brick chimney and to give to each scholar a brick which turned out to be filled with candy.

When all the gifts which were numerous and beautiful, had been presented the pastor in behalf of the school presented to Mr. DeWitt and Mr. Angle very pretty oak stands. Mr. DeWitt returned the compliment by presenting the pastor with a handsome willow rocking chair the gift of the Bible class.

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TROUBLE IN PORT JERVIS.

The Village Trustees of Port Jervis and their Chief-of-Police and Police Officers Having a General Tussle.

There seems to be a tendency on the part of the trustees of Port Jervis to overhaul their police force, and matters in relation thereto are growing quite lively.

Some time ago the Chief Officer Yaple in a communication to the board intimated quite broadly that he was not being properly supported by the trustees in his efforts to enforce the ordinances against lawlessness. At a meeting, at which there was considerable undignified conduct, and language, and much wrangling, it was finally concluded that matters were not in shape for formal investigation and the chief was handed back his report with a direction to make specific charges and be prepared to substantiate them at a subsequent meeting.

At the meeting held for that purpose Dec. 19th, the president of the board whose duty it was to make a report as to the charges declared that on investigation he found them baseless. The board then called on Mr. Yaple to offer his testimony in corroboration of them. After hearing his evidence and that of the accused policemen, Officers Phillips and Kolmus, the board suspended the former from duty until their next meeting, and dismissed the latter from the force. Phillips was charged with presenting himself for duty Nov. 7, in an intoxicated condition and when Chief Yaple went to secure Kolmus to do duty in his place.

It is Judge Mitchell Now. William Mitchell, of this borough, has been appointed associate judge in place of Hon. M. D. Mott, deceased. His commission was received and recorded in the Recorder's office, Dec. 18. May His Honor live long and prosper.

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OBITUARY.

ELI P. FARNUM.

Eli P. Farnum, a well-known and wealthy business man of Port Jervis, died at his home in that place on Friday morning, Dec. 26th at 9.30 o'clock a. m. He had been ill for some days, but at a consultation held the previous evening by the celebrated Dr. Jewway, of New York, with the family physician, Dr. Hansenburg, it was concluded that his symptoms were favorable to recovery and that there was no immediate danger. His physician had scarcely left the house when he began to grow rapidly worse, and before the doctor could be recalled he expired. The cause was bronchial pneumonia.

Mr. Farnum was largely identified with the business interests of Port Jervis, was a director in several corporations, a prominent merchant and promoter of public enterprises, a liberal contributor to charities and to the church of his choice. He will be greatly missed in private circles, as well as in those larger matters which pertain to the growth and prosperity of the village. Infinitely more, however, will his loss be felt in the broken circle of the household, and among his chosen friends. He was of a domestic nature, and was wholly contented in the society of his family. Surviving him are his widow, two grown children, and a brother, P. E. Farnum.

MRS. MARY STOLL.

Mrs. Mary Stoll, wife of James C. Martin, formerly of Port Jervis, and well-known in the valley, died suddenly at Stroudsburg, Dec. 19, aged 67 years. She is survived by her husband, three sons and two daughters, Robert and James, of Montrose, Elizabeth, wife of James C. Rose, Jr., and Joseph, all living in Matamoras. She was a daughter of Robert Stoll, of Sandyston, N. J. and leaves surviving her also seven brothers and five sisters.

The funeral was held last Sunday afternoon at the residence of Mr. James C. Rose, of Matamoras.

MRS. ALFRED ROSENCRANCE.

The wife of Alfred Rosenkrance, of Sandyston township, N. J., died Saturday last of pneumonia. Her illness was of short duration and her death wholly unexpected. She was about 66 years old.

Cambridia County Matters.

An article quoting in part a decision of a judge in Cambria county as to the pay of county commissioners, has been circulating quite freely among our contemporaries. As news of that county, and of interest to her people, it is proper and pleasing, but as having any bearing on the pay of these officials in other counties it is misleading. By an act of 1872 commissioners in Cambria county were salaried at \$400 per year without regard to the time spent in the duties of the office or other expenses. The act of 1889 fixing the pay in the several counties in the commonwealth repealed all local laws fixing a rate of per diem compensation, but of course did not repeal any law fixing a yearly salary, hence the decision of the Cambria court.

Notice.

The annual election of managers of the Milford cemetery association will be held at the office of C. W. Bull on Monday, January 6, 1896, from two to three o'clock p. m. WILLIAM MITCHELL, Sec'y. Milford, Pa., Dec. 10th, 1895.

The Christmas Tree.

After all has been said and done, Christmas is not Christmas without a Christmas tree. You may omit the holly, even the mistletoe but the Christmas tree is as essential an attribute to a "real live" Yuletide as the turkey or plum pudding. In humble households the turkey is often missing. Of necessity it must give place to a more plebeian chicken, and the pudding to a "store" mince pie, or something of that kind. Yet no one can demur, for how could any one dare to be hypercritical on Christmas day? But take away the tree, and every child in the household will pronounce this feast a dismal, melancholy failure.—Home and Country.

THE REV. W. R. McDONALD AGAIN.

Some Reminiscences of His Rather Eccentric Career Here.

Some two or three years ago, a man decidedly seely in appearance, claiming to be a graduate of a college in Belfast, Ireland, and a reverend by profession came here from Franklin Furnace, N. J., where he had been supplying a pulpit in the church there for a few Sabbaths. He landed at Bushkill, this county and preached a few times there. His sermons were of an original and sensational character and his conduct bordered on that style. He appeared fond of ladies society and proposed marriage to several. Coming to Milford he ingratiated himself in the good graces of Mr. Horton, our livoryman and hired a horse of him which after keeping several weeks he returned without settling the bill.

His real appearance and simulated needs so wrought on the sympathy of one of our merchants that he furnished with goods and loaned him \$15 with which to buy a suit of clothes. This matter still remains open on the books. He also preached a few times in the church at Montague, N. J. From there he went to New York and by claiming that he was assistant pastor in some large church there succeeded in obtaining clothes and other goods on trust. Failing to pay he was arrested and sent to jail. He now turns up at Bristol, England, where he seems to be pursuing the same course, and with the same result. The Evening News of that place, of Nov. 27, gives an account of his trial before the court for obtaining unlawfully and by false pretences, goods from various persons and for forging documents stating that he was a Presbyterian minister of a church in Canada and also of the same church in Scotland. He also declared that he had been associated with Rev. Dr. Talnaga and Dr. Parkhurst and produced documents to this effect.

At the trial, testimony was given by several ministers, and others who had been victims of his imposition, and the jury without leaving the box found him guilty, whereupon the judge sentenced him to hard labor for eighteen months.

Fire in the Court House.

An alarm of fire Saturday afternoon Dec. 21, called out the hose carriage, hook and ladder truck, and a goodly number of the citizens of Milford. It was located in the basement of the Court House, and proved to have originated in a small window formerly used to put coal in the cellar. The frame of the window was decayed, and the dry punk-like material readily ignited. The floor in the hall was slightly charred but the damage done was very slight. It is extremely fortunate that it occurred while the building was occupied by the several officials. Had it originated at any other time the consequences might have been very serious. It is not known what caused the fire, but the presumption is a match dropped by some boys or a cigar thrown by some careless man.

Suit For Loss of a Shade Tree.

Quite a novel suit has just been decided in the Common Pleas Court of Pittsburg. A gentleman sued the City of Allegheny for \$2,500 damages for the loss of a shade tree, said to have been killed by an electric light wire. Experts testified that direct currents might injure the tree, but in this case an alternating current was used. The plaintiff tried to show that the wire had worn into the woody fibres and sap. He does not seem to have established his case for the jury found for the defendant. Experiments will now be made with alternate and direct currents to determine the effect they will have on vegetation.

William's said an old quaker.

"I do not wish to call thee a liar, but if the mayor of our town should say to me, 'Friend, find me the greatest liar in town.' I would come to thee and say, 'William, the mayor wants thee.'—The Royal Templar.